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a body having a directional axis of firing;  
a firing mechanism attached to the body oriented askew from the directional axis; and

a bore having a breech end that is in communication with the firing mechanism.

10. (New) A paint ball gun configured to fire a paint ball, the paint ball gun comprising:

a body having a directional axis of firing;  
a longitudinally extending firing mechanism attached to the body and oriented at an angle non-parallel to the directional axis of firing;  
a bore having a breech end that is in communication with the firing mechanism.

11. (New) The paint ball gun of Claim 10, wherein the paint ball exits the firing mechanism in a direction that is non-parallel to the directional axis of firing.

12. (New) The paint ball gun of Claim 11, wherein the bore comprises a muzzle end such that the bore extends between the muzzle end and the breech end, the muzzle end being



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located at a position that is above the directional axis of firing.

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13. (New) The paint ball gun of Claim 12, wherein the muzzle end of the bore is positioned relative to the firing mechanism to allow the paint ball to exit the bore in a direction generally parallel to the directional axis of firing.

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14. (New) The paint ball gun of Claim 9, wherein the bore is curved.

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15. (New) The paint ball gun of Claim 14, wherein the bore is curved to impart a spin to the paint ball traveling there through.

16. (New) A paint ball gun configured to fire a paint ball, the paint ball gun comprising:

a body having a directional axis of firing;  
a longitudinally extending firing mechanism attached to the body and oriented at an angle non-parallel to the directional axis of firing; and  
a barrel having a breech end and a muzzle end with a bore extending longitudinally therebetween;



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wherein the breech end is in communication with the longitudinally extending firing mechanism; and

wherein the bore is curved so as to impart a spin to the paint ball traveling there through.

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17. (New) The paint ball gun of Claim 16, wherein the paint ball exits the firing mechanism in a direction that is non-parallel to the directional axis of firing.

18. (New) The paint ball gun of Claim 16, wherein the muzzle end is located at a position that is above the directional axis of firing.

19. (New) The paint ball gun of Claim 18, wherein the muzzle end of the bore is positioned relative to the firing mechanism to allow the paint ball to exit the bore in a direction generally parallel to the directional axis of firing.

20. (New) A paint ball gun of the type configured to fire a paint ball, the paint ball gun comprising:

a body;



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a barrel having a breech end and a muzzle end with a bore extending longitudinally therebetween; and

a fluid actuated firing mechanism attached to the body and in operable communication with the bore such that the fluid actuated firing mechanism propels the paint ball through the bore and exit the muzzle end;

wherein the firing mechanism is oriented relative to the bore such that the paint ball is propelled from the firing mechanism in a first direction and then exits the muzzle end in a second direction.

21. (New) The paint ball gun of Claim 20, wherein the first direction is non-parallel to a directional axis of firing defined by the body.

22. (New) The paint ball gun of Claim 20, wherein the second direction is generally parallel to the directional axis of firing.

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Entry of the present Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the application is respectfully requested.